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April 26, 1979

Mr. Lloyd Mecham
President
Utah West Mining & Development, Inc.
867 North 8th East
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RE: Proposed Declaration of Exemption
for the Bluebird Lease
Emery County, Utah
Pending

Dear Mr. Mecham:

The Division appreciates your stopping in to help clear up some of the problems with the Delta Mine surety. Once the proper papers are received by the Division the approval of the Delta Mine will be processed.

As to the Bluebird properties, the Division is considering the listing of this as D.O.E. (Declaration of Exemption). Several areas are being explored.

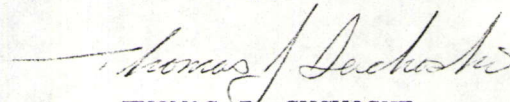
1. The Division is waiting for a map showing the areal extent of the area to be disturbed and used during the mining operation.
2. The Bluebird Lease, from our understanding, borders on the Western edge of the Delta Lease. This with the common use for both operations of the Delta Mine ore dump, causes the Division to consider the possibility that both operations should be covered under a single Mining and Reclamation Plan. This could be

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accomplished by an addendum to the Mining and Reclamation Plan for the Delta Mine covering the Bluebird properties. This would require that the surety for the Delta Mine be reestimated to include the Bluebird properties.

The Division will consider these possibilities in reviewing these files. The submittal of a surface map showing the location and lease boundaries of the mines would be very helpful and would speed up the consideration of this situation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Thomas J. Suchoski".

THOMAS J. SUCHOSKI
RECLAMATION HYDROLOGIST

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